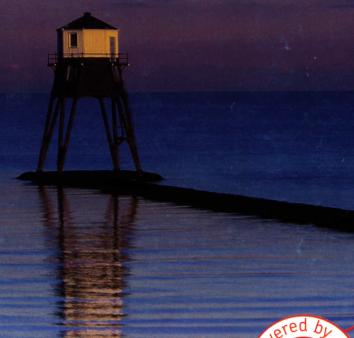
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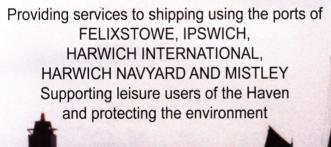


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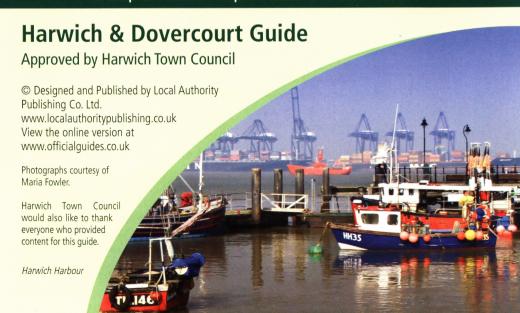
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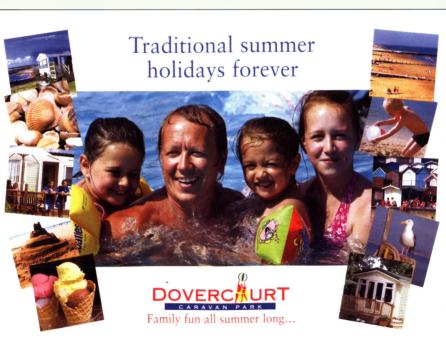
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### WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR AND HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome to the 2013 Harwich & Dovercourt Official Guide which showcases the many wonderful aspects of our town as well as introducing you to new things to do and places to visit.

Harwich is a pleasant historic town set in the heart of East Anglia, full of character and has a strong sense of community. Harwich Town Council, of which I am a proud member, is working hard to ensure that Harwich & Dovercourt continues to thrive and regeneration remains a top priority.

Following the Royal Charter of 1604 (King James I) the town has seen a continuous line of Mayors, elected by the Council for a yearly term of office. Mayor making ceremony this year will be on 16th May 2013 accompanied by the rare custom of kitchel throwing from the upper Guildhall windows. The ceremony is unique to Harwich and has been a local tradition for centuries.



Set in the heart of the historic old sea port, Harwich's Guildhall is a Grade I listed building dating from the seventeenth century and is home to Harwich Town Council. The wealth of history and heritage that it contains, along with its remarkable architecture, make the Guildhall in Harwich a fascinating place to visit. Entry to the Guildhall is free so please call 01255 507211 where staff will be delighted to arrange a guided tour. The Chamber is a beautiful oak panelled room, its walls adorned with large portraits and its

windows including a stained glass depiction of the town crest. The Chamber also houses the regalia show case containing the seventeenth century mace and the Mayor's chain of office. Amongst the treasures in the Mayor's Parlour are the town's Imperial brass yard and a portrait of Charles II painted in the year 1675. A unique feature of the Guildhall is the Carvings room, once used to hold prisoners waiting to be tried or sentenced. Etched into the bare, wooden walls are elaborate carvings of ships, gallows and symbols designed to ward off evil spirits, some of which date from the end of the eighteenth century.

Working closely with Tendring District Council and Essex County Council has brought many benefits across both towns. Dovercourt has seen the refurbishment of children's play areas, Skating Rink, the Boating Lake and the Victorian Bandstand in Cliff Park. The revitalised Friday market situated in the High Street continues to thrive and the first phase of 'Dovercourt Rediscovered' is underway following the installation of heritage lamp posts. This project will continue to evolve in consultation with the District and County Council.

Last year, the Town saw many street parties, events and celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. This year sees the 60th anniversary of the 1953 East Coast Floods where sadly, eight local people lost their lives. Harwich Town Council will be marking this occasion on 1st February with a commemoration service at St Nicholas Church, followed by a dedication of the Flood Memorial Garden and Mayor's Reception at the Guildhall.

Town Council funding supports many local groups and organisations working within the community. The town is very fortunate to have a huge network of volunteers and I wish to thank them for the time and invaluable support they give our community. These people are a fine example of the community spirit previously referred to and their efforts, along with that of the Town and District Councils will, I am sure, mean that Harwich & Dovercourt continues to move forward in the coming year.

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Harwich Town Council consists of 16 members elected to serve the interests of local residents and address the communal needs of the Town. The Council play an important role in monitoring and working in partnership with Tendring District Council and Essex County Council who are responsible for certain services like refuse disposal, road repairs, housing, benefits and planning.

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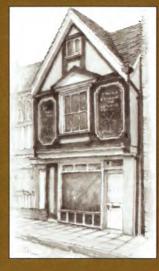
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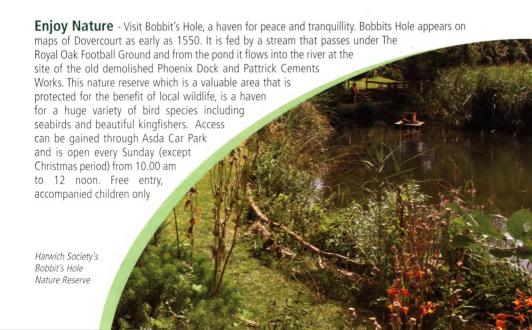
organisations and in the first year of running, a total of over £8000 has been donated to local charities and groups. There is a small Club Room that can be booked for children's birthday parties or group meetings.

Subject to change, for availability and prices, please call the Skating Rink on 01255 502930 or John on 07825 669363

**On Your Bike** - For something a little more adventurous why not join the Tour de Tendring bike ride taking place on 19th May where all the family can join in the fun and familiarise themselves with the local area or hire a bike locally and ride off on your own adventures (www.bike-events.com)

Great bicycle routes around Harwich, Manningtree and Mistley area http://www.essex-sunshine-coast.org.uk/obt images/Cycle Tendring 6.pdf

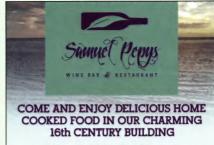
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Please contact the office on 01255 507211 where we will be happy to give you details of any vacant plots or record your details on our waiting list. To view the sites and their locations please go to www.harwichtowncouncil.co.uk and click on Allotments.

**Take a Tour** - Take part in a free guided walk which departs from Ha'penny Pier at 2pm every Saturday May to September.

Alternatively, stroll the charming streets of the old town and hear stories of the town's seafaring past and its present role in keeping mariners safe. You can choose between a written or audio guide - download and enjoy!

http://www.discovering britain.org/walks/region/east-of-england/harwich.html # tabbox

**Hire a Beach Hut** - Dovercourt Bay is a tranquil and picturesque seaside resort with sand and shingle beaches. There are plenty of facilities on the promenade, including a skate park, skating rink, swimming pool, sports facilities, putting green and boating lake.

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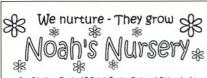
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In between lies the Ha'Penny Pier, once the departure point for steamships to the continent, and the quaint ticket office still survives and is now home to the Visitor Centre and the Mayflower Exhibition. There is also the Café on the Pier, with ample indoor and outdoor seating and a wet fish sales outlet.

The foot ferry also operates from here and an annual fireworks display is held on New Year's Eve. Across the river are attractive views of the Suffolk countryside. A new pontoon provides moorings for visiting yachts. Harwich Quay is also the location for the Head Quarters for Trinity House, established by Henry VIII in 1514 and the award winning Pier Hotel and Restaurant.

The Project was established at the end of 2009 to assist in the development of Harwich through the construction of a Mayflower replica, which was originally owned and operated from Harwich. We currently employ 11 full time staff who are involved in ship building, ship repair, building renovation and training; these staff are supported by a range of volunteers who manage most of the office administration and a good deal of the buildings maintenance. We have recently taken delivery of the main saw for the building process and the substantial supply of oak already in our yard (in George Street, near the station) is being augmented by naturally harvested oak from East Anglia and Cornwall.



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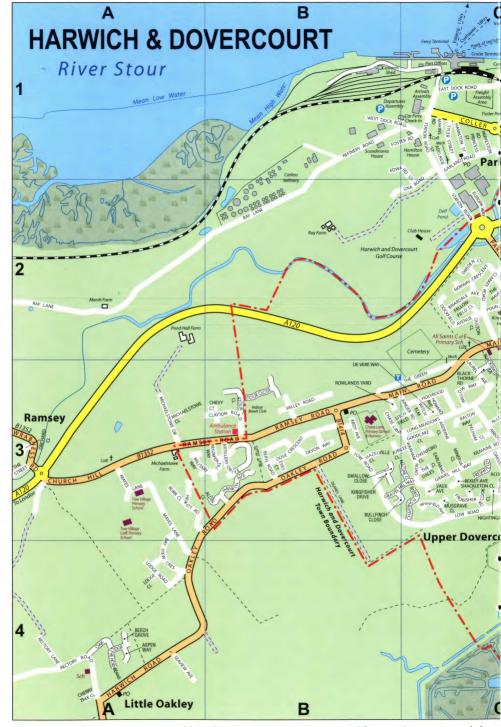
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After its heyday which lasted from 1912-1949 the cinema went into rapid decline due to the combination of the advent of television, the East Coast Floods of 1953 and the very heavy entertainments taxes of the time. It finally closed in 1956 followed by a long 'dark age' lasting until 1972 when it was rediscovered and the importance of its architectural and sociological significance was recognised. A new book/brochure called "Saving the Electric Palace Harwich" has just been published by the Cinema Theatre Association and is on sale, price £8.50 ( + P&P ) - see the EP website.

It was listed as Grade II in 1972 and after six years of restoration was reopened as a community cinema in 1981. Further restoration continued and twenty years on the listing was upgraded to Grade II \*.

It is now run by a staff of eight trustees, three directors, fifty volunteers and two part-time paid employees.

To remain viable in the 21st century era of new media it has recently been kitted out with full digital technology supported by Grants including one from Harwich Town Council. It also retains its historic 20th century Kalee 20 projectors for occasional screening of archive 35mm films in association with the British Film Institute.

The small stage is regularly used for musical events and the building is now very well known as an outstanding example of how the best way to preserve an historic building and Heritage Site is to use it for its original purpose.

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Old Harwich stands on a narrow peninsula, its streets following the grid system laid down in the Middle Ages. Its three main streets lie north to south and are joined by quaint little alleyways designed, it is said, to provide shelter from the occasional keen easterly winds. Harwich is listed as an outstanding Conservation Area. There are many fine brick-fronted Georgian and early Victorian buildings. Behind the facades, however, lie much earlier structures, and there are many tales told in the town of smugglers' hideouts and places to shelter from the press gang. Plaques have been erected on buildings of historic interest by the Harwich Society, which also publishes an entertaining leaflet "A Walk around Old Harwich".

At the entrance to old Harwich stand the High and Low Lighthouses, built in 1818, which acted as leading marks, guiding vessels around the difficult shoals off Languard point, until they were superseded in 1863 by the Dovercourt Lights. Today both lighthouses act as visitor attractions. The High Lighthouse, a local landmark, is home to the National Vintage Wireless and Television Museum where visitors can follow the history of broadcasting from the early experiments of Marconi and Baird to current day developments in satellite communications. The grade I listed building displays an impressive collection of TV and radio memorabilia through the ages, over five floors, each of which dedicated to a set 'period' ranging from the 20's to the 60's, and suitably arranged. The exhibitions, which include some of the equipment used by early pioneers, are both informative and educational and the museum also has a sound and vision archive. 150 yards across the green lies the Low Lighthouse, which at half the height of the High Lighthouse houses the Maritime Museum, another popular summer tourist attraction. Both museums can be reached by a short walk from Harwich bus/rail station, and are a good starting point from where to explore the treasures that old Harwich has to offer.



National Vintage Wireless & Television Museum. The High Lighthouse, Harwich

Nearby stands the unique Treadwheel Crane, built at the shipbuilders yard in 1667. It was once operated by two men walking inside twin wooden treadwheels and was in use until the early 1900's. It was reerected on Harwich Green when the old shipyard was dismantled in 1928 and today makes for a great photo opportunity. Further along the promenade is the Lifeboat Museum and Harwich Town Sailing Club, behind which is a launching ramp for dinghies. In front lies the North Sea flood memorial, a sundial erected in memory of those Harwich residents who lost their lives in the floods of 1953.

Situated in Wellington Road, behind the cinema, is the Harwich Mural, which depicts the area's landmarks. Originally painted by school pupils in 1982 it was redesigned 13 years later. A series of murals, illustrating locally built barges, can be seen in Kings Quay Street by the New Bell Inn. Near to the entrance of the Navyard a board listing vessels built at Harwich is displayed.

The spire of St Nicholas' Church has, for many years, been a landmark for seafarers. There has been a church here since the Middle Ages, and the font and some mural tablets survive from the original building, which was demolished in 1822. The present church has slender pillars of cast iron, a new form of construction in the 1820's. There are many interesting memorial tablets on the walls, recording the names of Harwich worthies of the past who died at sea or in distant parts of the world. At the west end of the church is an unusual display of blue and white Dutch tiles from the 17th century, depicting biblical scenes. St Nicholas' is the scene of civic services, and has a special pew for the mayor, with a bracket for the town mace.

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The Boating Lake has also undergone a revamp following a new lease being granted and significant investment. The lake reopened in summer 2011 and offers pedalo rental and kayaking. This is another of Dovercourt's great seasonal attractions and, weather permitting, is open during school holidays and weekends. For other times and more information, contact either Rob or Josie Sharp at the Blue Flag Café across the road. Other attractions include a putting green and croquet lawn, crazy golf and petanque terrain, model yacht pond and amusement arcade. The popular Blue Flag Café (with bouncy castle and play area) serves a range of refreshments and has ample indoor and outdoor seating.

**ANGLING** - Sea angling can be enjoyed from the Ha'Penny pier, the beach promenade or of course by boat. There is a fresh water course fishing lake nearby in Great Oakley . Contact Colchester Angling Preservation society 07807660925

**SAILING** - The waters around Harwich are a mecca for yachtsmen and dinghy sailors. Harwich Town Sailing Club, is located at Harwich Beach and regularly hosts regional and national championships, and occasionally holds European championships. Contact 01255 503200 . Harwich and Dovercourt Sailing Club at Gas House Creek welcomes visiting yachtsmen The Club's headquarters at Gas House Creek is based on a historic vessel LBK6, which is the last of the D-DAY landing barges. Contact Robert Day 07785390399.

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**HOCKEY** - The town has both mens and ladies hockey clubs which play on the first class all-weather floodlit pitch which can be booked from the adjacent swimming pool. Please contact either Carolyn or Chris Rowland on Tel: 01255 552232 or e-mail carolynrowland29@yahoo.co.uk

**SWIMMING** - There is a fine indoor swimming pool also situated along Low Road. There are special sessions for senior citizens, the disabled, learners and early risers. An active swimming club based at the pool organises events and competes regionally. Tel: 01255 686176

**TENNIS** - Dovercourt Tennis Club operates a thriving club and is based at the tennis courts, just off Marine Parade.

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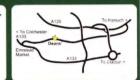


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**DOVERCOURT THEATRE GROUP** - The Dovercourt Theatre Group was formed in May 1974 and is a non-profit making organisation with the aim to encourage live theatre, and performs a variety of plays and pantomimes from modern comedies to classical dramas. The group also hold fundraising events and attend various local events throughout the year in costume. Rehearsal nights are Tuesday and Fridays at 7.30pm held in the studio behind the Former Magistrates Court in Dovercourt. The group welcomes over 16s who are interested in acting, directing, producing, sound and lighting, stage management, carpentry and set design, or even front of house. For further information or to join the group please contact Margaret on 01255 240626 or just turn up on either a Tuesday or Friday.

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May 5th 19th 27th	The Radar Tower Beacon Hill - Entry £1 Tour de Tendring Redoubt Open Day - Free Entry	2pm - 4pm 11am -4pm		
June 2nd 23rd 26th - 7th July	The Radar Tower Beacon Hill - Entry £1 Harwich Res. Ass. Summer Street Party - Kings Head Street Harwich Festival of the Arts	2pm - 4pm		
<b>July</b> 5th 7th 13th - 14th 28th	Children's Carnival (admin@lemmingstheatre.co.uk) The Radar Tower Beacon Hill - Entry £1 Harwich Secret Gardens Sea Festival	2pm - 4pm		
<b>August</b> 4th 13th 15th - 18th 17th	The Radar Tower Beacon Hill - Entry £1 Bobbits Hole Open Day - Free entry Harwich Town Brewery Beer Festival - Redoubt Fort Redoubt Military Festival	2pm - 4pm 10am - 3pm 10am - 4pm		
September 1st 3rd 8th 14th 15th	Merchant Navy Day - Civic Service The Radar Tower Beacon Hill - Entry £1 Essex Air Ambulance Motorcycle Rally Heritage weekend Heritage weekend	2pm - 4pm		
October 11th - 13th 26th	Sea Shanty Festival Guy Carnival			
November 29th 30th	Dovercourt Christmas Lights Switch On St. Nicholas Welcome			
December 1st 5th - 8th 31st	Harwich Res. Assoc. Christmas Street Market - Kings Head Street Harwich Beer Festival Fireworks on the Quay	time of publication.		

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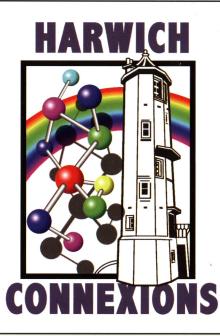


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